



Crop Progress and Condition

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Idaho Rains Slowed the Harvests, but Good for the Crops

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 10% very poor, 20% poor, 35% fair, 31% good, and 4% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 30 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region and a high temperature of 92 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 6 degrees below normal to 2 degrees above normal. The cereal harvests were largely completed across the state. Winter wheat planting activity increased as the season grew closer to fall. Southern Idaho had a lot of rain that hampered bean and hay harvests. However the rain created good moisture in the ground for fall crops. Things were looking good for wheat planting. The potato crop improved considerably, while harvest started to pick up. Southeastern Idaho corn harvests were still getting started. Local reporters described the corn being pulled as good to great. The state sugarbeet harvest was still in its early days. Cattle were on the range and looked good. Overall Idaho crops remained in good condition as the state moved into the fall season.

Fall Weather Conditions Prevailed in Washington

There were 6.7 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 43% very poor, 28% poor, 24% fair and 5% good. Fall weather conditions were reported throughout western Washington with scattered rain showers and cool nights. Recent moisture benefited pastures with grasses beginning to green up. Corn and potato harvest continued. Apple harvest continued throughout the week with more varieties ready for harvest. Pumpkins were ready in many fields corn silage harvest was in full swing. Fall field activities continued throughout the district. Dry windy conditions prevailed throughout central Washington. Dry bean and potato harvest continued. The movement of hay was reported to be surprisingly slow while prices continued to be lower. No concerns regarding cattle loss due to weather conditions were reported. Pastures continued to be reported as short and extremely dry. Fall planting and field preparation continued throughout the week. Apple harvest continued in the Yakima Valley with later varieties being harvested. Night time temperatures reached the lower 30s, which seemed to slow vegetable harvest. Both alfalfa and timothy hay were in windrows waiting to be baled. Dry corn harvest began approximately two weeks early in some areas in east central Washington. High moisture corn harvest was underway while apple harvest continued. Potatoes, dry bean and dry onions continued to be harvested. Southeastern Washington reported scattered showers throughout the district. Producers continued to hold off on seeding in hopes of precipitation. Temperatures cooled off while fall conditions prevailed throughout southeastern Washington.

Fall Temperatures and Rain Were Welcomed in Oregon

There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 26% very poor, 40% poor, 28% fair, and 6% good. In the northwestern region, corn silage harvest continued where possible. Rain was helpful and some fall pastures were planted. The cooler nights benefited the Red Delicious apple crop in Lane County. Winter pear and apple harvests continued. Tomatoes were slow to ripen. Wine and table grapes were harvested. Powdery mildew showed up on some crops. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was completed, field corn was put in silos, and grass for seed was clipped in Washington County. Filberts were dropping and walnuts were maturing. Most berries were finished. Fall preparations were ongoing for greenhouse and nursery operations. Livestock were holding up with supplemental feeding. The low temperature was 44 degrees with a high of 83 degrees. Grape harvest was in full swing, corn silage harvest was progressing and hazelnuts were dropping in Yamhill County. The northcentral region reported seasonable temperatures with showers midweek. Winter pear harvest continued throughout the Hood River Valley. Sherman and Wasco County cereals reported. Weed and stubble management and 2016 variety testing continued. It was still dry, even with some rain. Producers waited for seeding. Seed potato harvest began in Union County, where cooler weather was reported, along with some light precipitation. Lake and Malheur counties reported receiving some precipitation, but they were still 90% of normal for the water year. Onion and potato harvests were slowed down due to the rain. The southwestern region received almost an inch of rain in Coos and Curry Counties. Water levels in creeks and rivers were still at late fall levels. Cattle continued to be shipped to feedlots due to lack of water and feed. Pastures continued to be irrigated where possible. Fruit crops still looked good along the coast. The lowest temperature was 43 degrees in Bandon and the high temperature was 73 degrees in Brookings. Most counties remained at drought levels even with some precipitation. Douglas County reported some scattered rain and cooler temperatures slowed grape harvest. Apple and pear harvest progressed rapidly. Winter pear harvest was forecast to begin soon. Early variety apple harvest was completed. Filbert harvest started with almost all the nuts on the ground. Growers reported that trees were holding leaves well and it was a great time to pick up the nuts. Nuts looked smaller than usual due to the hot, dry summer.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/20/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	9	39	44	8
Oregon	39	44	17	-
Washington.....	24	36	40	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	15	36	45	4
Oregon	39	48	13	-
Washington.....	24	41	34	1

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho	1	4	13	67	15
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	11	82	7
Oregon	1	1	35	56	7
Washington.....	2	3	56	30	9

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 14 - September 20, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
NORTH														
Coeur d' Alene	42	79	55	-5	39	-31	0.05	-0.19	2	0.45	-0.31	59	6	
Fenn	46	88	60	-1	72	-2	0.56	+0.04	3	1.51	+0.13	109	8	
Lewiston	48	87	62	-1	89	-3	0.10	-0.11	1	0.65	+0.14	127	5	
Bonnors Ferry	38	79	57	+1	49	+0	0.00	-0.28	0	0.30	-0.46	39	3	
Nezperce	38	80	53	-4	26	-22	0.59	+0.26	4	1.24	+0.39	146	9	
SOUTHWEST														
Boise	42	88	60	-5	68	-27	0.86	+0.65	5	0.90	+0.40	180	7	
Emmett	38	92	57	-6	53	-38	0.53	+0.33	4	0.60	+0.14	130	6	
Glenns Ferry	39	85	59	-3	64	-16	0.78	+0.64	3	0.78	+0.49	269	3	
Grand View	36	87	59	-3	67	-15	0.42	+0.28	4	0.42	+0.03	108	4	
Nampa	40	85	58	-4	60	-19	0.44	+0.30	3	0.44	+0.08	122	3	
Parma	41	83	59	-3	64	-13	0.41	+0.22	4	0.42	-0.03	93	5	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Fairfield	30	79	52	-4	21	-23	0.74	+0.54	3	0.74	+0.28	161	3	
Malta	33	85	57	+0	53	-3	0.66	+0.45	5	0.66	+0.06	110	5	
Picabo	30	80	55	+2	42	+3	0.79	+0.64	4	0.79	+0.38	193	4	
Rupert	35	82	57	-3	49	-14	0.27	+0.10	4	0.27	-0.16	63	4	
Twin Falls	37	84	58	-1	55	-4	0.28	+0.14	3	0.28	-0.12	70	3	
EAST														
Aberdeen	34	81	56	+1	46	+2	0.47	+0.26	3	0.47	+0.00	100	3	
Ashton	32	82	52	-3	23	-14	0.69	+0.41	4	0.70	-0.08	90	5	
Fort Hall	34	84	57	+1	50	+3	0.73	+0.52	2	0.73	+0.19	135	2	
Idaho Falls	33	86	57	+0	51	+0	0.52	+0.32	4	0.52	+0.06	113	4	
Lava Hot Springs	34	80	53	-4	34	-20	2.64	+2.43	4	2.70	+1.98	375	5	
Montevieu	31	82	54	-2	31	-11	0.22	+0.08	5	0.22	-0.19	54	5	
Preston	35	76	54	-4	33	-25	2.18	+1.89	3	2.22	+1.41	274	4	
Rexburg	29	84	54	-2	30	-12	0.35	+0.14	3	0.38	-0.19	67	4	

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	25	17	27	24
Winter wheat emerged	4	(NA)	1	1
Potatoes harvested	24	16	22	17
Sugarbeets harvested	10	6	19	7
Field corn harvested for grain	15	3	17	3
Field corn harvested for silage	42	33	41	27
Dry edible beans harvested	85	82	67	57
Onions harvested	90	85	55	62
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	93	92	86	83
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	37	31	27	30

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 14 - September 20, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	43	66	58	-1	56	-1	0.48	+0.11	3	2.10	+1.12	214	9	
Everett.....	48	72	59	+2	66	+6	0.40	-0.09	4	1.78	+0.48	137	10	
Hoquiam.....	48	66	60	+0	69	+2	1.15	+0.47	5	2.49	+0.79	146	8	
Kelso.....	45	74	62	+2	84	+6	0.33	-0.23	3	0.76	-0.70	52	7	
Olympia.....	44	72	58	+0	60	+3	0.42	-0.07	2	0.82	-0.41	67	6	
Sea-Tac.....	50	73	61	+0	76	+0	0.11	-0.28	1	0.58	-0.42	58	6	
Shelton.....	40	68	58	-2	59	-8	1.55	+0.96	4	2.60	+1.11	174	10	
Tacoma.....	43	73	59	-2	64	-5	0.30	-0.11	2	1.08	+0.02	102	7	
Vancouver.....	49	78	60	-4	71	-23	1.04	+0.62	3	1.40	+0.35	133	6	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	33	82	58	-1	57	-5	0.03	-0.11	1	0.04	-0.27	13	2	
Omak.....	40	75	58	-4	56	-23	0.00	-0.09	0	0.01	-0.34	3	1	
Stampede Pass.....	34	63	49	-3	9	-21	0.95	-0.07	3	2.10	-0.56	79	8	
Wenatchee.....	44	83	61	-3	78	-16	0.03	-0.08	1	0.41	+0.08	124	2	
Yakima AP.....	35	87	60	+0	67	-2	0.01	-0.06	1	0.01	-0.28	3	1	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	39	81	55	-3	38	-17	0.04	-0.20	1	0.49	-0.23	68	6	
Deer Park.....	32	79	52	-5	18	-30	0.03	-0.25	2	0.33	-0.44	43	4	
Kettle Falls.....	38	80	56	-4	41	-27	0.01	-0.27	1	0.41	-0.40	51	4	
Spokane.....	42	71	54	-5	32	-32	0.00	-0.21	0	0.53	+0.02	104	2	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	39	76	58	-7	57	-42	0.20	+0.09	2	0.26	+0.02	108	4	
Lind.....	38	82	57	-5	53	-26	0.05	-0.09	1	0.56	+0.24	175	3	
Moses Lake.....	39	86	58	-7	58	-41	0.08	-0.03	2	0.17	-0.07	71	4	
Quincy.....	37	90	61	-2	80	-8	0.12	-0.02	2	0.40	+0.08	125	5	
Ritzville.....	36	80	55	-6	40	-32	0.02	-0.12	1	0.94	+0.54	235	3	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	41	89	62	-6	86	-33	0.03	-0.08	1	0.06	-0.18	25	2	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	47	89	64	+4	97	+25	0.00	-0.14	0	0.67	+0.27	168	2	
Pasco.....	43	83	61	-5	79	-27	0.08	+0.01	2	0.16	-0.05	76	4	
Pullman.....	43	81	57	-2	49	-12	0.24	+0.03	2	0.64	+0.06	110	3	
Silcott Island.....	50	90	65	+2	106	+14	0.04	-0.17	1	0.50	-0.01	98	3	
Walla Walla.....	50	79	62	-4	87	-22	0.10	-0.11	2	0.99	+0.48	194	5	
Whitman Mission.....	41	90	61	+1	78	+4	0.07	-0.07	2	0.93	+0.53	232	6	

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	53	41	55	56
Winter wheat emerged.....	27	5	24	30
Potatoes harvested.....	60	50	63	53
Field corn dented.....	65	53	70	58
Field corn mature.....	22	9	11	11
Field corn harvested for grain.....	9	1	2	2
Field corn harvested for silage.....	49	24	45	26
Dry edible beans harvested.....	94	87	89	73
Onions harvested.....	82	79	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	64	47	30	32

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 14 - September 20, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria	48	70	60	+2	71	+11	0.33	-0.30	4	1.89	+0.34	122	9	
Bandon	43	70	57	-1	53	-2	0.45	+0.06	2	0.71	-0.29	71	5	
Florence	41	71	57	-3	48	-19	0.49	-0.05	2	0.54	-0.80	40	3	
North Bend.....	46	72	60	+2	68	+7	0.50	+0.09	3	0.50	-0.51	50	3	
Tillamook	44	73	60	+3	72	+19	1.22	+0.32	3	1.51	-0.70	68	7	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	46	79	61	-1	79	-4	0.79	+0.37	3	0.82	-0.25	77	4	
Corvallis	39	81	59	-5	64	-24	1.17	+0.82	3	1.45	+0.54	159	5	
Detroit Lake	45	83	59	-3	65	-16	1.07	+0.27	3	1.43	-0.59	71	9	
Eugene	41	86	61	-1	82	+1	0.49	+0.14	1	0.74	-0.23	76	4	
Hillsboro.....	40	79	59	-4	66	-22	0.43	+0.08	3	0.62	-0.34	65	8	
McMinnville	44	80	61	-2	74	-11	0.57	+0.23	2	0.85	+0.04	105	6	
Portland	50	80	62	-2	89	-5	0.69	+0.27	2	0.89	-0.16	85	5	
Salem	45	81	62	-1	84	+0	0.94	+0.59	2	0.94	+0.07	108	2	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass	44	93	61	-2	82	-6	0.16	-0.05	2	0.20	-0.34	37	3	
Medford	44	92	63	-4	89	-21	0.14	-0.07	2	0.25	-0.23	52	4	
Roseburg	47	88	63	-3	91	-15	0.28	+0.00	2	0.37	-0.30	55	4	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon	40	83	58	+2	58	+3	0.22	+0.08	2	0.65	+0.25	163	6	
Echo	42	89	63	+1	95	+4	0.02	-0.12	2	0.22	-0.10	69	4	
Heppner	40	83	58	-4	58	-21	0.01	-0.13	1	0.16	-0.24	40	2	
Hermiston	43	87	63	+0	93	+2	0.05	-0.09	1	0.22	-0.10	69	2	
Madras.....	36	84	57	-3	50	-13	0.05	-0.09	2	0.05	-0.24	17	2	
Moro	36	78	57	-3	50	-15	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.32	0	0	
Parkdale	41	78	56	-2	47	-12	0.58	+0.30	3	0.64	-0.02	97	4	
Pendleton	45	85	61	-3	76	-15	0.16	+0.02	1	0.81	+0.41	203	5	
Prairie City	32	83	52	+0	21	-9	0.23	+0.02	4	0.74	+0.04	106	8	
The Dalles	46	84	64	-3	97	-15	0.01	-0.13	1	0.05	-0.27	16	2	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake	25	84	50	-6	15	-25	0.35	+0.21	2	0.35	-0.05	88	2	
Bend	34	89	54	-2	38	-4	0.34	+0.21	2	0.44	+0.05	113	3	
Burns	29	85	51	-5	16	-22	0.45	+0.31	4	0.59	+0.29	197	7	
Christmas Valley	26	86	49	-6	13	-25	0.11	+0.02	3	0.24	-0.11	69	5	
Klamath Falls	29	86	53	-5	32	-20	0.08	-0.06	2	0.08	-0.32	20	2	
Lakeview	30	84	53	-6	26	-34	0.37	+0.16	4	0.54	+0.07	115	6	
Lorella.....	25	86	52	-5	19	-25	0.24	+0.10	4	0.24	-0.16	60	4	
Redmond	28	85	53	-6	30	-32	0.06	-0.01	1	0.07	-0.20	26	2	
Worden	27	85	51	-7	21	-31	0.22	+0.08	2	0.22	-0.06	79	2	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City	31	84	53	-5	23	-28	0.27	+0.13	3	0.68	+0.15	128	5	
Joseph	37	81	53	-4	23	-23	0.24	-0.04	2	0.84	+0.04	105	4	
La Grande.....	37	86	57	-3	50	-15	0.06	-0.10	2	0.85	+0.31	157	4	
Imbler.....	36	86	55	-3	40	-14	0.04	-0.21	1	0.89	+0.25	139	6	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	39	84	59	-4	63	-22	0.33	+0.19	3	0.45	+0.14	145	5	
Rome.....	35	90	59	+1	66	+1	0.31	+0.17	3	0.31	+0.01	103	3	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	9	5	19	15
Potatoes harvested.....	73	65	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	7	1	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	58	33	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested	89	73	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	85	78	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	64	47	31	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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